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Office Action Summary

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10/728,502

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed December 9, 2005. Applicant has amended claim 1. Claims 2-7 have been cancelled. Currently, claim 1 remains pending in the application.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35 U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office action, Paper No. 20050602.

Election/Restrictions

3. Applicant's amendment dated December 9, 2005 has resulted in the following election requirement. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Instant claim 1 has the following distinct species for the solid component:

- A) inorganic solids
- B) organic solids

Instant claim 1 has the following distinct species for the emulsion polymer:

- A) emulsion homopolymers
- B) emulsion copolymers

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The species are independent or distinct because prior art that would render obvious or anticipate one species would not necessarily render obvious or anticipate the other species.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, claim 1 is generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

4. During a telephone conversation with Stephen Johnson on February 15, 2006 a provisional election was made with traverse to prosecute the species of organic solids and emulsion copolymers. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action.

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5. The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Guo et al, EP 1219702, is maintained for the reasons of record.
6. The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Guo et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,492,320, is maintained for the reasons of record.
7. The rejection of claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,492,320 is maintained for the reasons of record.
8. The provisional rejection of claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 10/728,524 is maintained for the reasons of record.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments filed December 9, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that Guo et al, EP 1219702, and Guo et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,492,320, do not teach detergent compositions that contain the polymer granules, as required in newly amended claim 1. However, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Specifically, Guo et al specifically discloses that the multifunctional pellet additive can be used as a laundry detergent or a hard surface cleaner (see page 12, lines 43-46 of

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EP 1219702 and col. 16, lines 32-38 of U.S. Patent No. 6,492,320), per the requirements of the instant invention. Therefore, the examiner maintains that instant claim 1 is still anticipated by both Guo et al, EP 1219702, and Guo et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,492,320.

The examiner notes that applicant will deal with the issue of the double patenting rejections at the time of the allowance of the pending claims.

Conclusion

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian P. Mruk whose telephone number is (571) 272-1321. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs (7:00AM-5:30PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on (571) 272-1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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